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Bigger Paycheques for Some Ontarians

Government Continues to Raise Minimum Wage

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The minimum wage in Ontario has risen once again.

On Monday, March 31, the fifth increase since 2004 came into effect, boosting the previous \$8.00 per hour amount by 75-cents to \$8.75. That's a big change from four years ago when that amount was only \$6.85 per hour. The goal of the Ontario government is to turn that number into \$9.50 by next year and \$10.25 an hour by the year 2010.

For those earning a minimum wage salary, it might sound like a good idea. But for businesses in the Highlands, the adjustment is one that comes too quickly and at a time when business is at its slowest.

"It's coming at the wrong time for us in a tourist area," said John Thomas, Owner of the Stedman's in Minden. Instead of seeing a raise to the minimum wage that is so sudden and dramatic, Thomas would prefer to see the government help make life easier for lower income earners.

"I'd rather see it go up in smaller increments over time. Especially in tourist areas for business budgeting purposes," he says.

"They could make adjustments on their end to lower taxes for those who earn less."

He also points out that when this minimum wage is raised it really isn't helping out those who earn less because the amount they will have deducted from their paycheque will inevitably be more.

"Business-wise, our profits are still the same while the wages keep going up," said Manager of Pioneer Petroleum Nemy Gowen. "It's hard on us, especially in the winter. For a small town, most businesses are seasonal. In the summer you can afford it," said Gowen on paying employees. She feels that these consistent raises in minimum wage salaries should only affect the businesses that make the same amount of money all year round.

"They should have special categories for those businesses," she says.

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Kelsey Crowe Wins Second Annual Haliburton Idol Crown



photo by Terrance Gavin

Canadian Tire Another Step Closer to Minden Hills

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Canadian Tire's site plan was given the green light at the Minden Hills Council meeting last Thursday. Overall, everyone seemed in agreement that the terms of the site plan were acceptable, and the only questions that were raised pertained to lighting and landscaping. Once the building permit is in place, construction should get underway in August of this year and the doors are scheduled to open early next spring.

Rick Hunter of Planscape referred Council to some amendments that had been made to the original site plan and asked for Council's comments. Hunter, whose firm has been contracted by the Municipality to deal with planning issues, advised Council that he was satisfied with the general terms of the agreement and asked that the by-law adopting the site plan agreement be passed. Jonathon Rodger of Zelinka Priamo Ltd., a professional planning service out of Toronto was also at the meeting to respond to any questions Council might have. Rodger confirmed that all concerns raised by agencies consulted on the plan had been addressed. Councillor Peter Oyler had a number of questions about the light standards on the property. Rodger responded that the height of the standards had been increased which allowed for fewer standards and better lighting overall. Rodger also commented that the standards being proposed were preferred in large developments like this.

Oyler commented that he didn't want to see the night sky obliterated and asked about control

of the lights. According to Rodger, the owner of the property controls the lighting, which is scheduled to be off from midnight to 6:00 a.m. When asked if the hours could be changed Rodger assured Council that they could "work around that" but added that in terms of safety there should be more lighting, not less. Oyler said concerns had been raised by the public and Councillor Reid asked if the lighting would affect adjacent properties, particularly the homes across the river. Rodger responded that this had likely already been addressed on site.

Hunter stated that lighting issues had been fully addressed in a submission by Canadian Tire, which indicated the style of the lighting is 'dark sky compliant.' He also reported that the style of light standards were the same as those approved by MTO where there were fewer 'point sources of lights.' Hunter added that the height of the light standards as well as the number to be installed gave a very good balance.

Councillor Oyler also asked whether landscaping had been planned on the river side of Water Street. Hunter responded that while landscaping was included in the plan it was not scheduled between the street and the river. When Oyler commented that there should be landscaping on the riverside, Hunter agreed to discuss this with Canadian Tire representatives.

Reeve Jim McMahon said that all of Council seemed satisfied with what was being presented and he appreciated all the work that had been done by the planners on behalf of the municipality. By-Law No. 08-26 officially adopted Canadian Tire's Site Plan Agreement. ■

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How to Build a Stronger Community

Panel of experts
examine social elements
that affect us all

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Housing, food and employment. Those three main social factors, which play an integral role in building and sustaining a strong community, were the topics of discussion during "The Social Elements of a Strong Community" forum.

Held at the Minden United Church on Wednesday, March 26, the Minden Community Forum featured a panel of experts who spoke on each subject of interest. This was the 7th open forum held at the church for all visitors and interested members of the community.

Keynote speakers included: Michael Fay of Fay and Associates, Fay Martin from Places for People and Sharyn Bray from Fleming College.

"We look at ways of bringing out community individuals and agencies to tell people about what they are doing," said Carolyn Coburn, one of the event organizers. Prior to this gathering, the Minden Community Forum held six other forums that focused on various topics, some of which included: the importance of health services and services available for youth.

The idea for a series of these forums came when the Permafrost group contacted the Minden United Church last August to conduct a "Community Forum on the Future of the Leslie Frost Centre". Since the success of that event, it was decided that having more future forums in the community would be a good idea.

"A strong community is a healthy community," began Fay during the start of Wednesday's forum. He explained how health is generally thought of as relating to one's genes and the personal health choices that they make. But in this presentation, Fay said that it is a fullness of overall well-being, comprised of a number of social factors that determine how healthy or unhealthy we all are.

"People began to seriously look at the city and the community in their role in making people healthier," he said. According to Fay, attitudes towards health changed after Health Canada released a list of social factors in 1998.

"Within them (factors) is a healthy person in a healthy community."

For twenty-years, Fay spent his time at Toronto Public Health, working with drug users, refugees and street youth. He specializes in health promotion among marginal populations.

Employment was the second important social factor discussed at the forum.

"Employment is not linear, it's a one-dimensional problem," said Employment Advisor Sharyn Bray. "We have slowly made inroads to make our community stronger."

With the high cost of transportation and heating in the winter months in the Haliburton Highlands, it is difficult

for many in this area to make ends meet, says Bray. Jobs are also harder to find in the winter months, as fewer tourists are in the area to help generate business and create jobs.

"Overcoming the challenges of employment means we have to think outside the box," said Bray. Through services and programs implemented by job

agencies, struggling residents are finding the help they need.

"The work developed from those programs has resulted in work to this day," she said.

Finally, Fay Martin from Places for People tackled the issue of affordable housing.

"Housing really needed to be solved for us to move forward as a County," said Martin. In March of 2007, Places for People in Haliburton County set an idea in motion to help combat this problem. The inspiration for creating an affordable housing project came from their "big brother" location in Orillia that already had established one of these buildings.

"We're very optimistic," said Martin of the project. "If they can make it work in Orillia, we can make it work here." The goal is to enable the residents of the future housing complex to identify and solve problems they might be facing. Fundraising for the project is underway and Places for People is looking for support from the community to help them with this initiative.

The next community forum, on events planning, will be held at the Minden United Church at 21 Newcastle St. on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Feel free to come out, learn and ask questions in a warm, welcoming environment. ■



Michael Fay, Sharyn Bray & Fay Martin

Minimum Wage Cont'd...

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>> Linda Easton, Owner of Valu-Mart in Minden also understands the hardships that these wage increases can cause for smaller businesses in the area.

"The cost of doing business gets higher and higher every year. The accumulative costs because of all the different factors make it hard to run a business today."

Easton says that the overall impact of what just happened won't actually be felt at her store until the busy summer months arrive.

"The seasonal setting affects us," she said. By that statement, she means that more employees, especially students, will need to be hired on for only a few short months. This will be the peak time when the wage increase will be felt.

According to Labour Minister Brad Duguid, "Increasing the minimum wage is a key component of the McGuinty government's plan to reduce poverty in Ontario by expanding economic opportunity for hard working families."

The Ministry of Labour Web Site states that the major industries, which employ minimum wage workers are in accommodation and food, retail, trade and agriculture. An article published by The Toronto Star on Monday, March 31 says that 200,000 Ontarians earn the minimum wage while 1.2 million earn less than \$10 an hour. After doing the math, if you use to earn \$320 in a week before deductions, you will now receive a paycheque that is \$30 more at \$350. ■

Wilberforce 2008 Men's Bonspiel



Daryl Sands of Nostalgic Art Studios hosted the 2008 Wilberforce Annual Men's Bonspiel, and a terrific time was had by all: Daryl particularly wants to thank his four children, Emily, Alex, Melissa and Taylor who were left with the job of doing the dishes for all 30 participants! (As well as acting as host, Daryl also was the Cook for the event.) The Wilberforce Club would also like to thank those who donated prizes: Schwandt Lumber, Schwandt Aggregate, Cedar Meadow Golf, Dunford Heating, Youngdale Fuels, Haliburton Lumber, Holt Accounting Service, Vance Motors, and Nostalgic Art Studios.

The Championship was won by a Bancroft Team skipped by Peter Slater, with Vice Jim Sopha, Second Tom Perry, and Lead Joe Furlan. ■

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SUNDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and colder

▲ 1° ▼ -5°

MONDAY



Warmer temperatures with showers

▲ 7° ▼ 2°

TUESDAY



Rain mixing with snow late

▲ 8° ▼ -3°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 6° ▼ -2°

AROUND THE REGION: This week, a series of storm systems will bring scattered precipitation on Friday as well as Monday and Tuesday. In between systems, expect partly cloudy skies and cool to mild temperatures.



REGIONAL CITIES

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Bancroft	1/-5/pc	3/-2/cl	4/-4/pc	8/2/cl	9/3/sh	4/-4/mx	6/-2/pc
Barrie	4/-3/pc	7/2/sh	7/-2/pc	10/2/su	9/2/sh	7/-3/mx	6/-2/pc
Dorset	1/-6/pc	3/-2/cl	4/-4/pc	8/2/pc	7/2/sh	4/-6/mx	6/-2/pc
Haliburton	1/-5/pc	3/-2/cl	6/-3/pc	1/-5/pc	7/2/sh	8/-3/mx	6/-2/pc
Huntsville	1/-6/pc	3/-2/sh	7/-1/pc	8/2/su	7/2/sh	4/-7/mx	6/-2/pc
Kingston	1/-3/pc	5/-1/cl	7/-3/pc	10/0/pc	7/2/sh	5/-4/mx	5/-3/pc
Lindsay	1/-4/pc	4/-1/cl	7/-3/pc	9/2/sh	8/1/sh	7/-3/mx	4/-3/pc
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Ottawa	2/-4/cl	3/-3/ic	8/-1/pc	10/-1/cl	9/2/sh	5/-3/mx	7/-2/pc
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Montreal	3/-4/cl	3/-3/ic	6/-4/pc	9/-2/cl	14/3/sh	7/-4/mx	8/-4/pc
Regina	3/-8/cl	-1/-11/sf	1/-6/cl	5/-8/mx	6/-3/pc	9/-2/mx	6/-4/mx
St. John's	-2/-8/sf	2/-5/pc	4/-1/mx	1/0/mx	4/-1/mx	7/2/ra	2/-4/mx
Saskatoon	1/-9/sf	-2/-11/sf	-1/-8/sf	6/-4/mx	8/-2/pc	9/0/mx	3/-7/sn
Vancouver	11/5/pc	11/4/cl	9/3/sh	10/5/sh	11/5/sh	10/4/sh	7/2/ra
Whitehorse	2/-6/cl	2/-6/cl	2/-5/sn	-2/-6/sn	-5/-9/sf	-4/-9/sf	-8/-14/sn
Winnipeg	3/-7/sf	-5/-14/sf	-4/-13/pc	1/-9/sf	4/-7/pc	6/-4/pc	2/-3/sh

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Monday 3/31	3°C	0°C	14.2 mm
Sunday 3/30	3°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 3/29	1°C	-17°C	0.0 mm
Friday 3/28	2°C	-5°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 3/27	3°C	-9°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 3/26	1°C	-6°C	4.1 mm

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Sat. 4/5	6:47 a.m./7:48 p.m.	6:14 a.m./7:37 p.m.
Sun. 4/6	6:45 a.m./7:49 p.m.	6:36 a.m./9:00 p.m.
Mon. 4/7	6:43 a.m./7:50 p.m.	7:03 a.m./10:25 p.m.
Tues. 4/8	6:41 a.m./7:51 p.m.	7:36 a.m./11:48 p.m.
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To the Editor;

Re: The Choo Chew That Isn't

Laurie Scott's news release recently printed here chastised Liberals to stop playing partisan games and support the proposed Toronto to Peterborough train link announced in Mr. Flaherty's budget in February. This was to go through part of our riding. I need to respond.

Letter of the Week

This proposal was announced in the federal budget as a done deal that would use up all of Ontario's budgeted federal allotment for public transit. It seemed a bit suspicious that there was no professional study behind it that would justify it and no one in the ministers' own office could shed any light on the proposal nor could anyone else at both the federal or provincial levels of government.

Similar to Ms. Scott, our MP Barry Devolin put up a news release on his website shortly after the budget that said he supported the project. Unfortunately, there was nothing there beyond the headline until last week and then it was very short on specifics.

Now Ms. Scott has entered the fray in support and claiming that this was well known in federal and provincial government circles since last year and that thousands of vehicles in our riding would get off the roads.

Yesterday, the truth was put to the lie when no less than Mr. Harper "clarified" the situation by stating that there will not be any rail project construction starting out of this money, but only a feasibility study and the balance of the money will go to extending GO Transit service to Bowmanville and Peterborough which will be available to residents of our constituency also.

I find this whole business a little funny coming from a trio that have so consistently harped on about their commitment to be accountable. All any Liberals have said about this proposal is that they want to see the professional study(s) that would support the proposal and if it can be shown to be feasible, we are happy to jump on board. I would think that is what our taxpayers would also expect. It was obviously a mere coincidence that it would run through the Finance Minister's and two other Conservative held ridings.

One last observation for now; I would suggest that Flaherty, Devolin and Scott get off their rants about Ontario being the worst place in Canada to do business. Whatever partisan gains they may be hoping for will be more than offset by the damage they are doing to Ontario and its people and those people will hold them accountable at the next election.

Sincerely,
Brad Colpitts
Vice President

Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock Federal Liberal Riding Association ■

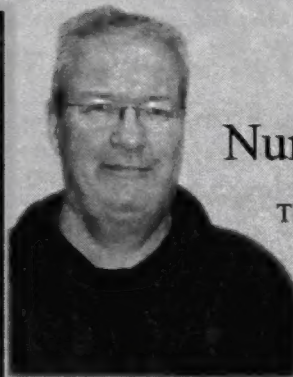
Letters To The Editor Welcomed !!

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Number 10 and Counting!



This week marks the 10th issue of the County Voice, and we're delighted that, one, we're still here, and two, Haliburtonians continue to give the paper, and all our staff, a very warm welcome into their homes and businesses, their churches, community organizations, and institutions. Even the politicians are still talking to us – see this week's profile of Federal Liberal candidate Marlene White – probably because we've been so nice to them -- so far. We've covered local Councils intensively, and will continue to do so, even though inevitably our version of events may be at odds with others'. We're trying to keep to the goals we set out in the first issue: to be a paper that's fair, open, and balanced, but one that recognizes the political and personal edges and disagreements that are a part of any vibrant community.

And what a vibrant place Haliburton County surely is! Here's a partial rundown of the moving and shaking that took place just this past week. On Friday Haliburton hosted the annual Trillium Lakelands Chess Tournament, where 250 students from Grade One to Grade Eight fought pitched battles to determine the Ontario Finalists. That same evening the Haliburton Idol competition was held at the

Northern Lights Pavilion to great applause.

Saturday saw the Haliburton Legion host the District Public Speaking Championships for public school students. Across the street the Haliburton Figure Skating Club presented its annual meticulously choreographed show. In Minden meanwhile, the Minden Figure Skaters did the same, while at Fleming College Professor Orie Loucks returned to his roots to deliver a lecture to a receptive audience, including Trent University students.

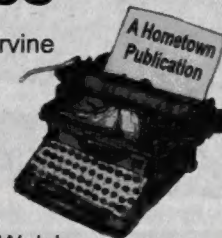
Later that afternoon the Rails End Gallery and Community Arts Centre lived up to its name by presenting its annual Haliburton High School Portfolio Class exhibition, intriguingly entitled this year: Speak Through My Eyes. The opening reception was attended by at least 150 people, and the buzz was intense, matching the work. Later on that afternoon the Mega Bowl fundraiser for The Bridge Youth Centre was rattling the pins at the Minden Bowling Centre with 15 teams.

On Saturday night the Chamber of Commerce handed out its annual achievement awards at a cocktail party/dinner schmoozefest at the Pinestone. The ambience of the evening was warm, cordial, and celebratory, matching the theme. There was also a distinctly youthful feeling to the evening, with awards going to new businesses, high school student achievers, and risk takers of all ages. The Highlander of the Year Award, bestowed upon Little Theatre legend Caryl Miller, honoured the passion, energy, and professionalism Ms. Miller's brought to local theatre. Haliburton High Principal Gary Brohman, in attendance at both the Rails End Opening and the Chamber Awards, joked about the dizzying pace of the local social swirl and acknowledged how impressed he was by his students and ex-students commitment to excellence in the arts. Mr. Brohman has a long history as a popular football and hockey coach in the community, but said that "nothing makes me prouder than to see our students' commitment to the arts, and their ability and determination to get their vision out there."

There are some obvious common themes to all of this activity: firstly, Haliburton County has a whole bunch of deeply creative and committed young people who engage the world in brave and original ways; secondly, they're supported by an exceptionally strong volunteer and service infrastructure that ensures they have outlets for their talents and energies. And it's one more example of the high-level of community commitment our businesses and individuals maintain – which in the end benefits all of us, young and old alike.

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Letters to the Editor

"NOT the founder of The Word Guild"

Dear Editor: In his March 6 editorial, "With God on Our Side," Stephen Patrick gives me an honour that is not mine. He cites me as, "a Christian writer and founder of The Word Guild."

While I am indeed both a Christian and a professional writer, I am NOT the founder of The Word Guild; just one of many founding members.

The Word Guild--which consists today of more than 300 members--was founded in January 2002, by author and speaker N.J. Lindquist and by journalist, writer, editor and speaker Wendy Elaine Nelles.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to correct the record. Patricia.

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County Aims to Standardize Signs at Municipal Landfills

The County Council has a goal to standardize the signage at all of the landfill sites throughout the County. In fact, their long term goal is to make the overall operations at the landfills as comparable as possible. With that in mind, County Council recently approved a grant application for signage and printing of a new recycling guide to be distributed to all residents and businesses in Haliburton County. As most of our readers are aware, the County and the municipalities have been meeting on a regular basis to look at ways to collaborate on waste management and recycling initiatives, which include a public education component.

The application for a total of \$46,000 has been submitted to the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) under the Community Capacity Building grant component of the Eastern Ontario Development Program. HCDC was accepting applications from the County as well as their four member municipalities up to March 31st for programs that encourage innovative initiatives that could have the potential to make a significant impact on community economic development. There is a total of \$100,000 available to the County and municipalities under this program.

The County has received funding in the past under the program for broadband initiatives and to complete a report on developing a centralized waste diversion facility.

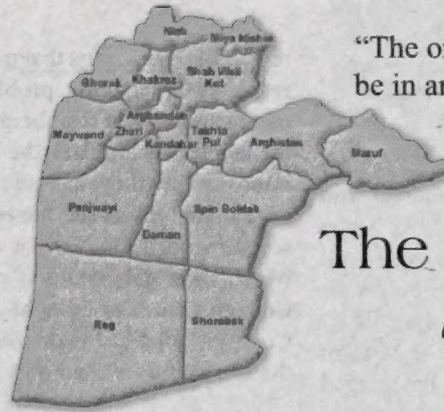
This application, if successful, would see the installation of forty signs outlining the hours of operation, what will be accepted at each site and the applicable fees. The signs will differ slightly for each municipality depending on their specific operations and will be constructed in such a way that changes can easily be made. An additional twenty signs of similar size will be developed to provide standardized information to the public on what can be recycled. The funding will also cover the cost of installation of all signs as well as the printing of 100,000 new recycling handbills to be sent out with all municipal tax notices.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie asked "Why should the signage at a landfill on Highway 28 be the same as a landfill in Minden?" Mackie suggested that there may be better use for the money, using compaction initiatives as an example. CAO Jim Wilson responded that the task force was recommending uniform regulations on what is accepted at the landfills as well as similar tipping fees. He added that this would send a common message to people with residences in more than one municipality who might travel to different landfills.

Warden Eleanor Harrison said that the signage issue had caused considerable discussion at the committee level adding that it is the Committee's hope to see a positive response from the individual municipalities.

Dysart's Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that most of the sites have a lot of little signs directing people in various ways. He said that this project would see these signs replaced with large uniform signage that easily identify to residents what is required. Fearrey stressed that the signs would be developed in a way that would facilitate easy alterations and added that they are expected to last for 20 years. ■

Exclusive to The County Voice Part - 10



"The only ice I'll have to contend with will be in an iced cappuccino from Tim Hortons in KAF"

The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

Last week all of our Unaccompanied Baggage (UAB) was successfully loaded and sent off to hopefully link up with us in Theatre. As I carried /dragged my two boxes into the sea container, the reality of the deployment came that many steps closer. We are now just over a month out from our deployment: the next time I see these two boxes, it will be hot and sunny (as opposed to the cold/overcast weather we have been experiencing over the last few weeks), and the only ice I will have to contend with will hopefully be in the form of an iced cappuccino from the Tim Hortons in KAF.

As our deployment dates get closer, the Headquarters continues with its final preparations. In fact we are now approaching the final steps in what has been a lengthy journey of well over eight months to prepare for deployment. Last week, we attended a series of lectures and briefings which ranged from the Afghanistan Ambassador to Canada, representatives from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (who are providing the Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT)), Corrections Services Canada (who provide Corrections Canada officers to assist the Afghan government in the establishment and control of its prison system).

We also heard from Ms. Sarah Chayse, who as a former international correspondent entered Afghanistan in 2003 as a reporter and who elected to remain in the country as a private business owner. She's actually managed to establish a skin care product line (to promote an alternative to opium production for local farmers). She is also the author of *The Punishment of Virtue*, which provides an excellent, first hand account of the fall of the Taliban in Kandahar through the eyes of a reporter and the ramifications those events have had on the local population.

With our final two days of advanced professional development over, the headquarters now prepares for its final Mission Readiness Exercise in Kingston. This eight day, intense exercise is the final validation for the headquarters. It's designed to test all aspects of the headquarters in a fast paced and stressful environment. Exercise MAPLE READY will involve elements of Canada's Expeditionary Command (CEFCOM), the 3 RCR Battle Group, the National Support Element, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the RCMP and Corrections Services Canada. Upon successful completion, the headquarters will be validated and confirmed ready for deployment in early May 2008, and more importantly, confirmed ready to assume command of all NATO forces operating in Kandahar Province. The next week should prove to be very interesting indeed.

Even while on the exercise, preparations continue for our deployment. Daily teleconferences are planned with those we are replacing in theatre. Lists of personnel and equipment are exchanged, detailed coordination of personnel and equipment flow is conducted and orders are being issued. All this is to ensure a seamless transition between the current headquarters from Land Forces Quebec Area (LFQA/SQFT) with our headquarters from Land Forces Central Area (LFCA). As I talk to my counterpart half way around the world (12 hour time difference) it is very clear that the next 10 months will indeed be challenging. He has promised to buy me a coffee at Tim Hortons when I hit the ground, and having listened to him complain about the heat, I have promised him at least a few inches of snow when he gets home - because we all know - this winter is never going to end! ■



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Just What Can I Take to the Dump Anyway?

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

And what will it cost me? The answer became clearer in Minden Hills last week. Environmental and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg had some recommendations to make to Council which were well received and will ease the burden a bit when you take your garbage to the landfill sites. The long and the short of it? Three bags will now be allowed to any resident of Minden Hills at no cost. Additional bags will continue to be charged out at \$1.00 per bag.

For the past while, only one bag of garbage could be deposited at no charge. Don't forget the plastic clear bag so attendants can see how you're doing with recycling. There has been a charge in place of \$1.00 for every additional bag brought in but that has posed a problem for some residents who collect and deliver their neighbor's garbage and find themselves having to pay for being over limit.

According to Romberg, the County Waste Management Committee are suggesting that no charges should apply to garbage being brought to the dump in clear bags. Romberg, however, disagrees and advised Council in correspondence that in order to extend the life of the landfill sites and encourage recycling, the Municipality must continue to limit the number of bags that are disposed of.

Romberg has discussed the issue with the other Municipalities in the County and has found that charges range from \$1.00 to \$3.75 a bag. Some municipalities have curbside pickup and if the bag isn't clear, or there is more than one, the additional bags are not picked up. They're left behind for the resident to deal with somehow. Some Municipalities still use the tag system, but no free tags are supplied. Even with the tag system, however, there is a limit to the number of bags you can dispose of at any given site. Dysart is the only municipality that has yet to initiate a charge for individual bags of residential garbage or limit the number of bags per household.

In his correspondence Romberg says the only way to extend the life of the landfills is to have restrictions on the amount of waste entering the site and to be diligent about

recycling. He admits that it is a hard fact and says that many residents are having problems getting on the 'recycling bandwagon.' But Romberg also says the costs of operating the landfills is high and the Municipality must be diligent to improve how they operate and maintain the sites.

Council discussed the pros and cons of what was being recommended and how it compared with the tag system, which most felt was too costly for residents. Several Council members thought a decision should wait until the County Council's Waste Management Committee discussed the matter further, but they finally accepted that this would

Minden Hills Council

solve the problem being encountered right now.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff said Romberg's recommendation was a good one. He said "This will allow much better use of the attendants' time instead of getting into harangues with ratepayers about paying extra money."

Council agreed and accepted Romberg's recommendation to allow three clear bags of garbage each week at no charge with additional bags being charged out at \$1.00 each. This will remain in place until the Municipal and County Waste Management Committees can give the matter further consideration and arrive at a final decision ■

Pilot Lake Planning Project Gets Underway

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

There's a new 'lake planning' pilot project underway in Haliburton County. The Haliburton Highlands Partnership Pilot Project is a partnership between the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA). An overview of the project, which should be of great assistance to Lake Associations in the area, was presented to the Minden Hills Council at their meeting last Thursday.

And what is the 'Lake Planning Program'? It is a collaborative project designed to support water stewardship efforts, more specifically lake planning of waterfront communities. Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator of HHSC, spoke about her organization and the lake planning tool they hope to develop. Tuyten said that HHSC is one of over 40 volunteer stewardship councils supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The organization is comprised of community volunteers with a number of waterfront property representatives who are involved in various water related partnership programs like the Children's Water Festival, Lakeland Conference, Kids and Kops Fishing and Take a Kid Fishing.

FOCA, who were represented at the meeting by Samantha Brown, Lake Planning Coordinator, is a non-profit, volunteer organization that serves as an information centre and provides assistance to Ontario's cottage associations. Their overall interests include the environment, fair property taxation, safe boating, risk management and rural infrastructure and services.

The project is being funded through a \$107,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation which will allow the HHSC and FOCA to offer consultation and professional support for Haliburton area Lake Associations to look at lake planning and conduct community consultations in support of sustainable

waterfront living.

Tuyten said that part of the project is aimed at all aspects of lake planning, from whether a plan is actually needed, to the tools needed to develop a plan. There are a lot of associations in the process of developing plans, and Tuyten says that the project will also look at how Lake Associations can best interact with the Municipalities when establishing their plans. They also want to identify information gaps that can be encountered when developing a plan. It is their goal to 'normalize' the planning process across the County, make it more streamlined and less costly and see it become more volunteer oriented and social in nature.

Overall, the Lake Planning Program will develop a cost effective, user friendly tool to support waterfront community engagement, lake planning and sustainable water resource management. The coordinators have been in touch with the Lake Associations through correspondence and flyers and are working with U-Links as well. A number of meetings will be held over the next 18 months, starting with a stakeholders meeting on April 18th at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. In essence the meeting will be an information session or as Tuyten and Brown called it a "Lake Planning 101" talk.

Councillor Peter Oyler commented that from his experience, Lake Associations often have great expectations that are far beyond what is possible to carry out. He encouraged the two planners to encourage the Lake Associations to see plans established that are compliant with both County and Municipal plans. Oyler felt this is a key message to give the Lake Associations from the start.

In the words of Councillor Bill Obee, Council was very happy to see someone develop a model to work from that will eventually ensure that the associations are not all doing their own thing, but working together with common goals. ■



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Marlene White, Liberal Candidate

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"I think it's clear that the Liberal Party and our leader, Stephane Dion, are committed to improving our showing in rural ridings – and what better place to start than here!", says Marlene White, the Liberal Party's nominated candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes - Brock for the next federal election. There's no telling when the election's coming – it could be called tomorrow, in a month, or in six months. The federal Liberals don't seem to want to pull the plug anytime soon, and neither do the Conservatives. Disagreements over the Afghanistan mission have softened, and Ms.

White, and her party, have even found some nice things to say about the latest Tory budget. "When I see something the government does that I agree with, I'll say it," says Ms. White. "The added cash flow opportunities for local livestock producers and providing direct payment for hog producers – which is precisely what we've recommended – was certainly welcome. In fact, it's exactly what our Agriculture Critic, Wayne Easter, has worked tirelessly for."

This federal election delay and uncertainty probably suits Marlene White just fine. This is the first time she's run for federal office, and has only one other election attempt under her belt. "In 2006 I was asked to run for School Trustee in Apsley – I was advocating for a new school – but I lost to the incumbent and Chair. Still, I loved the whole experience, and when I was asked to run federally with Mr. Dion for the Liberals I accepted right away." Ms. White is not a life-long card-carrying Liberal Party stalwart, nor in fact a devoted political junky. She began her career in the 1970s as an elementary school teacher in the Burlington/Hamilton area, where she was born and raised. In her early years as a teacher she managed to complete her BA at McMaster as well as a Masters in Education at Brock University in St. Catharines.

Marlene White was a dedicated educator for many years: she ended her career as an elementary school Principal, and she also held leadership roles in the Principals' Association and has been on the Board of Directors for Literacy Ontario. She currently works part-time at Trent University in Peterborough running their Community Partnerships Program connecting with many local groups, including literacy groups. She's keenly aware of how local a university Trent really is, and has spearheaded an exchange program for undergraduates to visit other campuses for a year. "This year four students are spending a year away, in universities from Halifax to Vancouver – and the second contingent is getting ready for next year. They'll both be learning how other institutions work, as well as being ambassadors for Trent."

If there was any event that pushed Ms. White into a heightened awareness of the need for political action, it was probably the provincial Conservative's education policy under Mike Harris in the late 1990s. She won't say that she was "politicized" by those policies, but she disagreed passionately with them, and with the politics behind them. "I thought those policies were just dead wrong – and that they had a terrible effect on our education system. I can attest first hand to that. And I admire Premier McGuinty's attempts



He certainly realizes he has ground to make up in rural Ontario. After all, eight out of the nine ridings surrounding Peterborough went Conservative in the last election, so we've clearly got work to do." Ms. White has been a cottager in the area for some years, and recently built a permanent home on "my own personal piece of paradise" on a small lake near Apsley. She's encouraged by the reception her campaign has received so far, and she clearly relishes the opportunity to become an agent for community activism and change.

She's in many ways a mainstream, traditional Liberal with a strong federalist bent and a passionate belief in the potential for good in the individual voter, and in the collective will. Her years in education haven't exactly left her starry-eyed about the universe, of course, but you can tell she hasn't lost her idealism. She wants to focus on the nitty-gritty issues of local infrastructure, health care, affordable housing, childcare and transportation: in other words, all the central planks of a socially activist point of view and platform. She looks forward to the federal campaign as a means of articulating her ideas and challenging the current Conservative status quo. But you can be sure her political and personal approach will be civil, polite, and focused on solutions. "I plan to campaign in much the same way as Stephane Dion operates – as a consensus builder, not as an autocrat."

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Nevertheless, Marlene White is by no stretch a passionately partisan politico: she believes in consensus, communication, and respect for other's points of view. She's met her leader, Mr. Dion, on a number of occasions and you can easily tell how much she admires his consultative approach: "He really does listen – it's clear he has a great respect for the grass roots, and his policies reflect that. Before I decided to run I read a lot, thought a lot, and in particular looked hard at Dion's policies. And I'm very comfortable with his Green agenda for a greater and richer country.



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Chamber of Commerce gives out Annual Achievement Awards

Caryl Miller honestly can't remember the number of shows she's directed, or produced, or costumed over the 35 years of her intense involvement in Haliburton Theatre. "You know, in the beginning, it was really just something we did for fun for family and friends. But the thing is, it really worked: probably because we had a lot of teachers in that first cast, and they all knew each other, and so had a chemistry working already."

Last weekend the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce named Caryl the 2007 Highlander of the Year, their highest honour. "I won't lie," says Caryl, the Highlands Little Theatre President: "it was very nice indeed to receive the award." That first show Caryl refers to was Blythe Spirit, the 1941 Noel Coward drama of love, betrayal, and séances. "I attended a course given by the director Dennis Sweeting at the Arts School in the late 1970s and a few of us got together afterwards and said, what the hell, let's start our own little theatre here. And Blythe Spirit was such a success we just up and ran with it. We founded the Highland Little Theatre and it's been going ever since."

In his rousing introduction to Ms. Miller, Curtis Eastmure, currently the Treasurer of the Highlands Little Theatre, acknowledged the inspirational quality of her work, and how much she had meant to him, and to so many other Haliburton actors, writers, and stage crews over the years. Other nominees for the Highlander award were Canoe FM's Michael Jaycock and David Allen, Karen Phipps, the County Coordinator for the Food for Kids program, and Aggie Tose, who spends countless hours each year on

a wide variety of charitable endeavours, in addition to her full time work with G.J. Burch Construction.

Caryl Miller's honour was just one of nine awards the Chamber handed out at its 2007 Business and Community Achievement Awards dinner held last weekend at the Pinestone. The Small Business of the Year award was a hotly contested affair between the Wild Orchid Thai Restaurant in Minden, the venerable Kozy Korner in Haliburton, and Sylvia Holland's Wind in the Willows Day Spa, with Janet Tice and the Kozy taking the honours. In the Large Business category, Patient News Publishing, with its

75 employees and world-wide clientele, took the prize over Haliburton Lumber and Enterprises Ltd.

The Art Hive, the Maple Lake Artisans Collective founded by Erin Lynch was awarded the New Business of the Year honour (over the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team) and the Haliburton County Development Corporation won the Not-For-Profit Business of the Year award, beating out the OPP's Minden Detachment.

The Chamber also presented two Haliburton High School students with Youth of the Year Awards: 17-year-old Jesse Brookes was described as the 'shining

star' of the Co-op Program, and Maddie Ferracuti, a Grade 11 student, was honoured for defining "the School's credo of respect, responsibility and commitment as she willingly gets involved in every aspect of community life." The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award went to Tiffany Howe, the creator of the Newfangers Art Festival: the other nominee was Adam Tomlinson, the founder of Brightwoods Landscaping.

Finally, County Warden Eleanor Harrison gave an "Award of the Year" to the organizers of the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. ■

Caryl Miller 'Highlander of the Year'



Highlander of the Year - Caryl Miller



Happy 2007 Chamber Achievement Award Winners



Youth of the Year award above and top right: Maddie Ferracuti and Jesse Brookes
Right: Young Entrepreneur of the Year Tiffany Howe



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Hewer of Wood and Drawer of Water

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." "George Santayana, philosopher and scholar.

Orie Loucks, Ohio Eminent Scholar of Ecology, world renowned conservationist and Professor Emeritus at the University of Miami in Ohio has his own take on Santayana's famous quote.

"When assessing resource use conflicts, our hope lies in taking a factual record of the past and using it as a practice for the future," said Loucks, while speaking in Haliburton last Saturday.

Loucks was the keynote speaker at the U-Links Center for Community-Based Research's Annual Celebration of Research held last weekend at Fleming College.

Professor Loucks, who traces his ancestral roots to Minden, delivered a talk entitled: "Can the History of Resource Use in Haliburton be any Guide to Competitive Future Development?"

And, of course, the short answer to that not-quite-rhetorical question is: It better.

Loucks was raised on a homestead overlooking Canning Lake near Minden.

He obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Toronto, but then moved south, earning his PhD in Botany at the University of Wisconsin.

He then became a professor of Botany at the University of Wisconsin in 1960. He was at Wisconsin for 16 years, where he taught and also invested time studying ecosystem management issues, specifically the effects of nutrient balance in watersheds.

He moved from there to the Institute of Ecology in Indianapolis, Indiana and from there to Butler University where he studied the debilitating effects of acid rain. His last post, before retiring at the age of 72, was at the University of Miami in Ohio where he was involved in Ecosystem Studies during the latter part of his wide-ranging career.

Through it all Professor Loucks kept coming back to Haliburton and he still owns a cottage on Canning Lake. As Professor Emeritus at the University of Miami, he is still very much involved in resource management issues.

"We have to plan for the future to assess outcomes and risk to the people, to jobs and to property," says Loucks. "Because if we are to guess wrong and our projected outcomes turn out to be wrong, it could spell disaster," said Loucks.

"It's why projects like the U-Link and the students involved in the U-Link studies are so important and why their research and studies are so important," he added.

Students from Trent University had booths set up in the Great Hall at Fleming College and their projects and ecological studies were on display during the event.

Loucks took time in his talk to congratulate the students and he lauded the positive steps undertaken by Trent University. He said that their research is important and vital to the continued revitalization of our natural resource base. Loucks said that studies engaged by young people vis-à-vis resource management will help keep politicians aware and informed about abuses in land development projects.

"These students here today are doing important work," said Loucks.

Loucks employed his own family tree to effectively trace the roots of resource development here in the Highlands.

His family's settlement history serves to outline some of the mistakes that were made in the early colonization through wholesale resource extraction. Mistakes made here were the same mistakes made in much of rural Canada and the United States back in the days when indiscriminate logging and mining practices were seen as a natural side-effect of continued economic growth. Canada's reputation as a resource trader was ingrained back in the 1860's when Charles Spurgeon exhorted the faithful with these words: "Find out your niche and fill it. If it be ever so little, if it is only to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, do something in the great battle for God and truth." Unfortunately, the good preacher hit the nail smack on the head. Over a century after his exhortation, Canada remains a largely resource-based economy.

Loucks knows that resource development is inextricably linked to a pattern of economic development. Canada's reputation as a hewer of wood and drawer of water was fostered out of a strict political agenda. Much damage has been done to our environment in the name of the almighty dollar. Loucks used his own family history as a paradigm for development and a way to trace the roots of resource mismanagement back in the days of early rural migration. Loucks said that mistakes made in the past are the same mistakes that we continue to make today.

"My family came to Minden in 1858," said Loucks. His family came, like many others, to help build the original roads in the area. "Roads were necessary as a means of lumber extraction," said Loucks. The roads were a natural offshoot of a logging industry, which originally used the waterways for lumber harvesting. As local lumber stands were depleted, logging companies expanded further into the hinterland. "After the roads were made and paths were cleared for forestry to step into action, the original road builders stayed on, most of them as squatters," said Loucks. "My great grandfather arrived to build the roads and his son, my grandfather, stayed on to work in the logging camps."

Loucks said that back in 1868, 100-acre land parcels were granted to squatters.

His great grandfather, and a great many of the original settlers, cleared their 100 acre parcels of land along the north side of Canning Lake. In the next 20 years a lot of the squatters had cleared greater parts of the 100-acre parcels. That allowed them to use the cleared land to pasture sheep, horses and cows.

Loucks explained that this type of settlement was quite common back in the early days of Canadian rural settlement. Forestry was a means and an end. It provided work for farmers, generated income for big business and served to clear the land for the eventual settlement of once inaccessible areas. Roads opened up the hinterland. Old growth forest was removed to create a secondary rural economy based on small land holdings and independent farms. Small towns and villages grew out of the farming communities forming tertiary support industries.

This is a blueprint for development here in the Highlands and it is also a formula followed

by rural development in much of Canada's hinterlands said Loucks. There were no restrictions placed on lumber companies in those days.

Acid Rain and Ozone Depletion Will Change Old Growth Forests Forever

"Sustainability of resources was never considered," said Loucks. Back then, he added, resources were seen as limitless. There was no accountability and indiscriminate logging operations were seen as a legitimate element of economic growth. "The winter timber harvest left the hills degraded of timber and bare," said Loucks. He said that the eco-system was degraded of some of the essential nutrient stock. That nutrient loss was compounded by the "addition of acid rain in recent years," explained Loucks. He said that scientists are now positive that the addition of ozone pollution to the mix, in conjunction with the depleted nutrients in the soil, further slows forest growth.

Loucks explained that this has changed the face of forestation in the Highlands forever. Soft growth forests have replaced the traditional growth cycle. "There are no Hemlock or Yellow Birch growing here and the change in forest composition has led to a transformation of the system," said Loucks. And the news got worse as business and politicians continued to pursue an economic agenda devoid of any environmental accountability.

Subsequent development of railway and roads served to open up even more of the back country. More forestry, more depletion of nutrients and the introduction of secondary industries like mining were offshoots and legacies of the original settlement patterns.

But, if early development took a toll on resources, it was nothing, said Loucks, compared to the post-war boom. He said that rural growth from 1960 to 1990 went on unabated and with little consideration for the debilitating effects on our eco system and environment. Towns, villages, cottages and the spin-off industries were, again, seen as laudable and necessary parts of cottage country expansion.

Development fosters economic growth and economic growth sparks a spike in population. Loucks said that rapid growth in much of cottage country has led to



a plethora of problems centered on pollutants leaching into ground water, lakes and rivers.

"Leaking septic systems, detergents and waste water began to take a toll," said Loucks.

He said that increase in pollutants and introduction of chemicals has led to an increase in chlorophyll in many of the lakes in the Highlands. Monitoring in Canning Lake has shown a 20 to 25% increase in chlorophyll content. He explained that the aggressive rise in chlorophyll content has threatened many species of fish.

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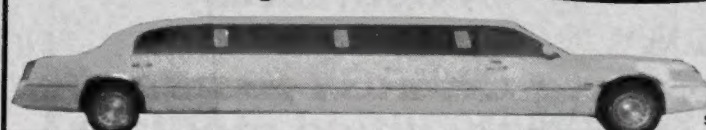
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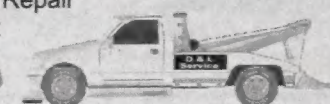
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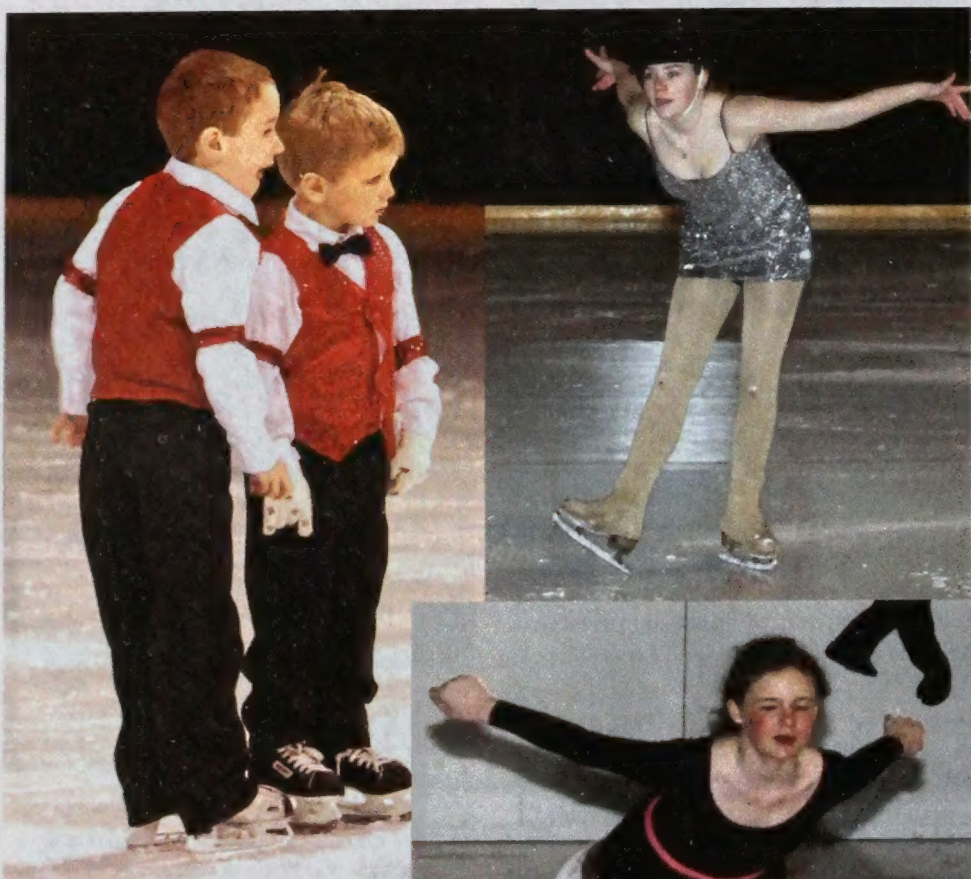
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Putting on the Ritz in Haliburton



The Haliburton Figure Skating Club presented their annual skating carnival this past weekend at the Dysart Arena: the theme was Puttin' On The Ritz, directed and choreographed by Leslie Lumley and assisted by Molly Thurston, Casey Pringle, and Amber Loney. Some 60 skaters and Figure Skating Club volunteers took part in this much-loved annual festival.

Above Left Codie Wilkinson and Xavier Dulong
above right: Shannon McMurray
right: Bethany Little
lower right: Jessica Duchene and Sandy Griffith

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"Speak Through My Eyes" High School Students Exhibition at Rails End until April 26th

by Tiffany Howe

We may never have seen so many people squished into the Highlands Gallery at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre before last Saturday's H.H.S.S. Portfolio Art class' opening reception. Speak Through my Eyes has certainly drawn a lot of community interest. The theme of the show, chosen by the students, revolves around identity, self discovery, and how we are impacted by the media, society and our environment and in turn, how we affect all of it. This subject relates easily to people of all walks of life. If you have forgotten what it feels like to be launching into the world after high school, this exhibit might just bring it all back. The students each created very personal pieces to fit the topic, each unique in style, medium, and technique, yet fitting together cohesively as a body of work. There was a buzz going around the crowd during the opening on Saturday about how this may very well be the most professional and advanced show the portfolio class has presented yet!

I had a sneak peek of the work during the installation of the exhibit last week and the chance to talk with a few of the students and their teacher Karen Gervais. The room was filled with bustling bodies and laughter as the students worked together with Artists Victoria Ward and Gary Blundell. Guided by Ward and Blundell, the students hung and installed their pieces, adjusted lights, and manipulated the space to their liking. This type of hands-on experience is invaluable to their growth and versatility as artists. Mrs. Gervais has done an impeccable job preparing these youth for applying to their post secondary endeavours by having them produce formal proposals, digital image portfolios, and artist statements. Many of the students have already been accepted to their school of choice. "This is the first class that I've seen through all four years of high school (grade 9 to grade 12). I'm so proud of them all and glad to see them succeed, but it's also sad to see them go. I'll miss them a lot," says Mrs. Gervais.

The class has tripled in size since it was first taught by Rose Pearson in 2003. Ms. Pearson taught the portfolio group alongside her visual arts class, meaning she was watching over two classes at once.

Now, Mrs. Gervais, who took over where Ms. Pearson left off, is now, after four years, able to teach Portfolio Art on it's own due to it's increased popularity.

The pieces the students completed for the show are edgy and expressive. The range of influences is broad, from the plight of African children in the face of war ("Chasing Freedom" by Bethany Snelgrove) to Iridology ("Secrets in Windows" by Jocelyn Regina).

Christopher O'Mara's mixed media collage consists of medical x-ray images of internal injuries such as broken bones, and a bird's eye view of the human brain. He says the piece is about the connection between our persona and physical being. The world can break us, literally and figuratively, but that will only add to who we grow to become. It is called "Broken Wall".

Emily Turner's "Still Life with Trout" displays her advanced talents as a painter of realism. Through her eyes it's a non-traditional still life of things that usually are not considered beautiful, but she has made them so.

The mixed media painting by Jessica Pottier is herself. Perhaps not a self portrait, but definitely an example of her bubbling personality. When she spoke of her work, she was enthusiastic, and donned a beautiful smile. When viewing her piece, the brilliance of the colours and layered materials should make you smile as well. As for the little chicken in the bottom right corner? "I saw it, and just really liked that chicken," she exclaims. What's not to like?

An interactive sculptural piece by Bronwen Rolfe (pictured on page 1) instantly catches the eye when you enter the gallery. It explores how influences outside of ourselves mold us, and we in turn mould them. She asks us to question what would we be, or would we be anything at all if they did not exist? The hummingbird painted on the bust of the mannequin symbolises freedom, as "a caged hummingbird will die, solely because it's not free." On the floor in front of the mannequin is a painted canvas that she invites the guest to walk all over because art is not always precious; and as you do, so choose some new clothes for the model and dress her up; impact her existence.

Whether the subjects be light or heavy hearted, the students have accomplished their visions and speak confidently about them. Be sure not to miss this exhibit which will be at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre until April 26th. ■



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☆☆☆☆ Reaching for the Stars ☆☆☆☆ Haliburton's Chris Ratz In the Limelight

For Chris Ratz, it's all he's ever wanted to do for a living. A career path less travelled by most people. He doesn't know why it's something he's become so passionate about, but he seems pretty content with the fact that he is.

This love of his is acting. And ever since he can remember, theatre has played an integral role in satisfying his thirst to express himself.

Recently, you may have seen Chris in a mini-series that aired on CBC on Sunday, March 2 and 9 called "The Englishman's Boy". The series weaves together two stories. One is set in 1920's Hollywood and the other takes place in 1873 in Saskatchewan during the Cypress Hills Massacre.

"To be honest, it's all I've ever wanted to do," said Ratz in a phone interview. Ratz was born and raised in Haliburton and it's where he began to hone his abilities as an actor.

"I was in plays in Grade 3, plays in high school..." he said. It was at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) that Chris became more and more involved. He recalled a time when he had his first major audition in high school.

"In first year, I was in Anne of Green Gables. At first I didn't think I had the part after I auditioned because my name wasn't on the list. It turned out that they just made a mistake." Since that first benchmark year, he performed in countless other high school plays. His family also took him to see several musicals over the years. This was a period at which he started looking further into the future.

Ratz, now 25, graduated from HHSS at the age of 18. It was then that he knew he would have to figure out where he could place himself to become a better actor.

"Coming out of Haliburton, I didn't know what my options were." After doing his research and consulting with those closest to him, Ratz auditioned for three different schools.

"I got into George Brown College for classical theatre. My teacher in high school, Mr. Dobson, told me that it was one of the best schools for it." Once into his studies, he found that the program was extremely hands-on and intense.

"I got involved as much as I could in school. I was happy I went to theatre school."

And when he graduated, he was lucky enough to find work



Actors Nicholas Campbell and Haliburton's Chris Ratz

almost immediately.

"I got an agent after I graduated in Toronto. They came to a show and saw me and asked me to come in for a meeting," said Ratz. Soon thereafter, his post-graduate future started to take off.

"Right away I did a touring kids show. My agent wanted me to focus on film and television. It was all paid work...I did a lot of commercials and had parts in T.V. shows."

For him, the work schedule always goes up and down. A lot of the time it can really be a waiting game, but that doesn't seem to discourage the young actor from remaining persistent.

"It's hard. I'll go through a long stretch of time when I don't have work." To keep him on his feet, Ratz works a part-time job at a restaurant in Toronto called Oyster Boy.

"I played a simple cowboy character. It was the biggest part I've had! I got really involved in the character."

It is in these thick and juicy parts that bring Ratz the most joy and satisfaction into what he's doing. He says that being on a television set is "a lot of fun" and that the roles he plays allow him to "dig his teeth" into the project. He likes the "challenge that dramatic roles provide." However he says that he would like to go back to his roots in comedy.

"Oddly, most of what I've done has been dramatic. Comedy was where I started and was what I had the most fun doing."

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

At the same time, I wanted to do drama as well to prove myself in a serious role."

Acting is an art form that Ratz is constantly trying to improve his skills in. He also says he loves the fact that he can change characters so frequently.

"Acting something out with someone is incredible. It's great to be able to explore something you may never get to in your own life."

For now, he is pleased with the fact that he has found work in Toronto, though it is quite sporadic. He has, however, been looking at opportunities that could present themselves elsewhere.

"This year, more than before, I've been considering going somewhere else like Vancouver or LA."

When he's not at his part-time job at the restaurant, he's going to auditions during the day.

One thing is for sure, it's nice to see some home-grown talent reaching for the stars. ■



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Mabel's Milestone

"I'm still fighting for justice and the rights of seniors!"

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Growing old might seem a little scary to most of us. But not for Mabel Winder of Gooderham. Last Wednesday, Mabel celebrated her 98th birthday with family and friends. This bright little lady is full of life and is a wonderful example to us all that if we keep our minds and bodies active, with a little luck, we can all live a long and healthy life.

There's no doubt that Mabel comes from strong stock, something she says comes from her mother's side of the family. Mabel has a sister Clara (Newstead) who will be 101 in April and another sister Jean (English) who is 93. Both of her sisters now live in extended care facilities, but Mabel's at home and that's the way she'd like to keep it.

Mabel, who originally hailed from Don Mills, had a cottage for many years in Gooderham located where the Gooderham Park is now. She and her husband dreamed of moving to the area on a permanent basis to run a trailer park, but unfortunately her husband had a stroke, and the dream, while it did become a reality, wasn't quite as she had pictured it. After raising their children and seeing them through college, they sold the family home and moved up to Tamarack Lake, intending to have a happy life for her remaining years. They wintered in Florida and drove there in their motor home for 14 years. Mabel ran Winder Wheel Sites on Tamarack Lake for many years, with the help of her son Ronald, until he died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 47.

Mabel finally moved to her home in the heart of Gooderham in the 1990s. There was an old mill pond there with a lovely waterfall. Her son David helped her with her home and garden. As fate would have it, David died of multiple myeloma early this year. By that time Mabel had sold the home, but as she says, she "went with the house." Mabel rents a sunny apartment at the back of the house overlooking her garden, pond and waterfall and plans to remain there as long as she possibly can.

One of Mabel's favorite pastimes is playing cards. Twice a week, weather permitting, one of her friends, either Rita Lockhart or Ev Vanderland, picks Mabel up and off they go to either Wilberforce or Haliburton for a rousing game of bridge.

Mabel didn't get her driver's license until she was 57. But she loved the independence it gave her and she drove her own car until several months ago. Mabel says "the old thing gave up the ghost recently." It had a leaky gas tank and she was afraid of it catching on fire. And as Mabel says, "I didn't want the problems that come with someone else's old car" so she finally



gave up driving. But she says, "it's hard to believe what life is like without a car!" Lost independence is a hard pill to swallow.

According to Mabel, she had to get glasses for distance when she got her license, but she also says, "I didn't need them then and I don't really need them now. I could see a fly on a tree then." And she doesn't often wear glasses now, although she admits she can read a bit faster with her reading glasses, something she only got within the last year.

Mabel lives alone but she says she has a little help with her shopping and picking up her mail. She still has two sons, Robert in Haliburton and George in Pickering. She also has 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. But she also says, "for the most part I look after myself quite well." Mabel says "the key for living a long life is to take things one day at a time and to try not to worry about what will happen tomorrow."

Many of our readers may know Mabel for her ongoing "Lament for the Old Mill Pond."

On her 90th Birthday, Mabel was gifted with a bit of money. She decided to get a permit and purchase a pair of Mute Swans, a protected species. The swans graced her pond and offered her a great deal of joy and even had 5 signets. Unfortunately, due to what can only be described as bureaucracy at its finest, the County did a culvert replacement that despite best promises not to lower the water level did exactly that. The pond level was lowered dramatically, leaving a mess of rotted logs and Mabel having to invest quite a bit to clean things up.

To make a long story short, the pond has been left a shadow of its former self; sadly the male swan was lost due to a rush of high water through the culvert. The remaining swans have been looked after by another family but Mabel wants very much to find a home for them and to see them cared for properly. She hopes for a home like a park where someone has the proper permit and will care for the endangered swans.

The lowering of the pond and the mess that made, along with the loss of one of her beloved swans, threw Mabel into a long standing battle that has included everyone from the initial road contractor to the Prime Minister and a number of ministries in between. The story definitely sounds like one of government run amok, but for now, Mabel simply wants people to know that she is continuing her fight for justice and not letting things get her down. She says this is a fight for human rights, for the protection of an endangered species and something that she will continue with until the day she dies. For more information on her ongoing battle check out her website www.thebacktrail.ca and then look for "The lament for the old mill pond".

In fact, it may very well be that Mabel's 'swan song' is the thing that is keeping her strong and very much alive in the heart of Gooderham. ■



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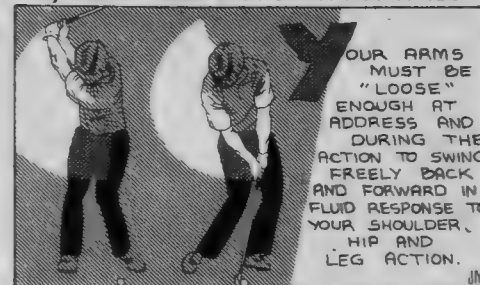
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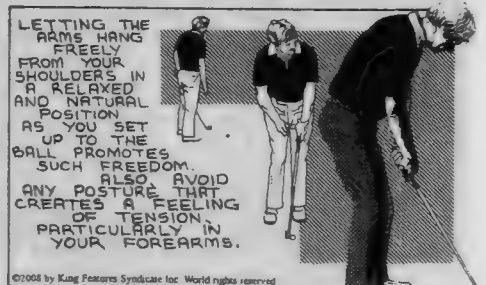
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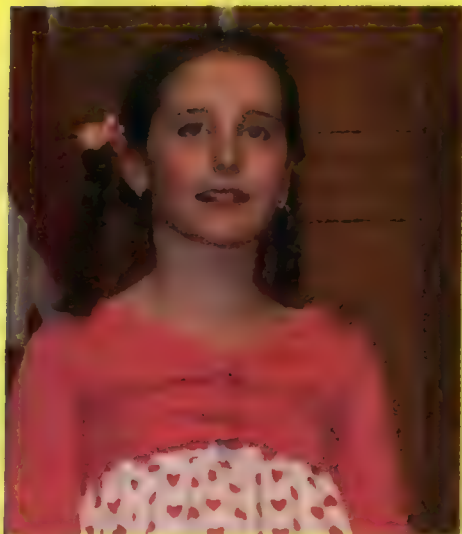
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Legion Public Speaking Awards



Haliburton County kids took a first and a third at the Legion Public Speaking Contest held locally at Branch 129 this past Saturday. Samantha Miller, representing Haliburton, was awarded first place in the primary division, and Drew Hewitt of Minden placed third among the intermediates.

Primary winners

- 1-Samantha Miller - Haliburton
- 2-Nathaniel Sternberg - Brechin
- 3- Lauryn Empey - Fenelon Falls

Junior

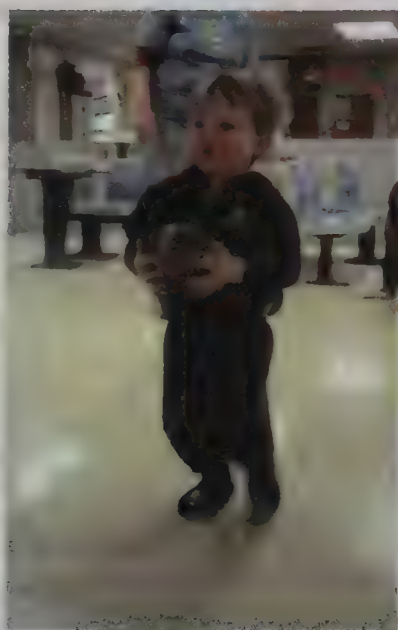
- 1- Emma Cheng - Lindsay
- 2- Haylee Cordick - Fenelon Falls
- 3- Heather Selby - Woodville

Haliburton Winners
Left: Samantha Miller
Right: Drew Hewitt

Intermediate

- 1- Andy Hein - Omemee
- 2- Marie Fielder - Lindsay
- 3- Drew Hewitt - Minden

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Haliburton County Choose Their Idol

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter



Young Kelsey Crowe (left) made her return to the Haliburton County Idol stage this year determined to fulfill a promise she made to herself and her family after an early departure from last year's competition.

The promise?

To advance to the final round and earn an opportunity to sing one of her favorite compositions, a song by the Divine Miss M, Bette Midler.

The song?

Midler's signature song, *The Rose*, written by Amanda McBloom for the movie of the same title. It was recorded first by Bette Midler in 1979.

Now what, you might ask, do a song and a movie, based loosely on the life of 60s-era, noggin-addled rocker Janis Joplin, have in common with a 15-year-old high school student in the Haliburton Highlands in 2008?

The short answer is: absolutely nothing.

The longer answer is: I went home from the Northern Lights Theater last Friday and immediately downloaded Midler's *The Rose*. What I heard cemented with a thumping certainty my original feelings about Crowe's very vivid and almost ethereal delivery of Midler's classic.

To wit: Young Miss Crowe was superb. Evoking both Joplin and Midler, Crowe rose to the occasion with a very haunting and soulful rendition of the timeless classic. Her stage persona in all rounds was compelling, easy and polished. But her delivery in the final round was non-pareil.

She was expressive and enthusiastic afterward, but the discerning ear could tell that she was most pleased that she was able to sing that particular song.

"I am really happy that I got to sing *The Rose* this year... finally," laughed Crowe, while accepting numerous hugs and congratulations

from friends, family and well-wishers.

"I really like the song, and I was a little disappointed that I never got it in last year," said Crowe last Friday night, shortly after taking home the Second Annual Haliburton County Idol crown.

"So this year, I really wanted to get it in and I'm really happy that I did get the chance to sing it," said Crowe.

Crowe is not new to the stage. She has performed in a number of musicals locally, including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A Chorus Line*, *Annie Jr.*, and *Man of La Mancha*.

And last Friday, she proved that sometimes, a second tilt at the windmill can pay big dividends.

The young Minden resident shone in

all sections of the contest, showing a broad range and very smooth vocal quality in all three of her stylish performances.

In her first country selection Crowe wowed the crowd with a very up-tempo version of Sara Evans's *Suds in the Bucket*. She reprised that song as part of her encore and it was then, with the pressure removed, that Crowe firmly entrenched and established her capacity to glow on stage. Bereft of the pressure, she literally engaged both the song and the audience, leaving nerves and butterflies in the wings, as she cranked out the lyrics with a restless and reckless abandon.

Judges Kris Kaddwell (Simon Cowell sans scowl), Roxanne Casey (host on *Canoe Radio*) and Sandra Dupret, the Principal of Fleming College were impressed with the overall level of competition.

Canoe radio talk personality, Mike Jaycock kept the evening lively and offered some nice background on each contestant. The format required some precise timing, but Jaycock was equal to the task, spicing the evening and moving through the selection process with his unerring folksy style.

All seven contestants had to pick a country or folk song for their first song selection. The audience then voted and five of the seven girls (all contestants this year happened to be girls) returned after a brief intermission to sing a song from a Musical or Movie score.

The audience voted again and Crowe, along with last year's runner-up Katrina Chvedukas and newcomer Amelia Edmunds returned from the second intermission to compete in the final Pop/Rock section of the contest.

Janice Kitley, Miranda Laurincella, Kirs Parnoja and Sarah Varty joined Crowe, Chvedukas and Edmunds in the early rounds.

As always in events like these, there were touching moments that literally tugged at the heartstrings. Sarah Varty formed a poignant case in point.

Last year she auditioned for the 1st Annual Idol competition but succumbed to nerves and was unable to compete.

This year, the unflappable 16-year-old showed pluck, determination and moxy which belied her years.

Varty took the stage last Friday despite suffering from a very debilitating throat condition which reduced her range to a mere whisper. Despite that, Varty got up and sang, proving, in the nonce, that old showbiz saw, "the show must go on." Indeed Varty offered a very credible performance in her only song of the night. It was easily the bravest and most inspirational moment of the evening.

Not to be outdone, one of the most riveting performances of the



Lauren Snelgrove

quite frankly, stunning. Again, Chvedukas sent me scurrying to the download center when I returned home. And again, I recognized in Chvedukas's version the same ethereal quality evoked by Pink in her original composition.

Conclusion? Young people today continue to amaze, if we just take the time to get out there and listen to what they have to say.

And while the audience was there for an evening's entertainment and to cheer and vote for their favorite idol, event organizer Wendy Ladurantaye brought another poignant issue into play.

Ladurantaye is the President of SIRCH Community Services and Consulting (the group organized the contest to raise funds and awareness for SIRCH services in the county) and she thanked the audience for coming.

"The funds raised tonight are going to support and help the people in this community," said Ladurantaye.

"By supporting this event, you are helping your community," explained Ladurantaye, in the program's introduction. "You help little children prepare for school, the single mom, families who are struggling, and those who face life-threatening illness. You give support and hope."

Last year's Idol winner Lauren Snelgrove was also on hand to offer another angle on the evening. Since winning the contest last year Snelgrove has embarked on a journey of song. She trains weekly in Toronto with her voice coach and was invited to participate at the Remembrance Day service at the Toronto International Center last November. She sang her "Song for Canada" for assembled families of soldiers who were serving in Afghanistan. She has also recorded songs with local entertainer and Guess Who member Carl Dixon. Other engagements include appearances at The Walk for Life, the Highland Cup Snowmobile Race, the Rogers Morning Show and interviews on *Canoe FM*.

Snelgrove summed everything up nicely in her Idol Program synopsis and bio.

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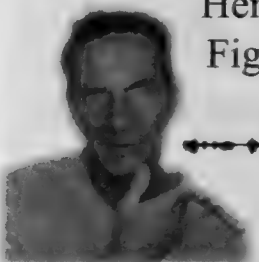
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Here's what I think about that rant Fighting Temptation and Standing Pat

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Word from the wacky world of hockey.

Patrick and Jonathan Roy have both been suspended, fined and chastised for their part in a Quebec Junior Hockey League brawl. The brawl, Patrick's nod to son Jonathan and Jon's subsequent beat down of an opposing goalie topped the YouTube charts for a week.

Most sensible Canadian hockey fans and those of us who respect the finer aspects of this lovely game are embarrassed. Ridiculed on a global scale, we have become, lamentably, a laughingstock. We are a butt of all the familiar jokes.

Here's what Pierre LeBrun a Canadian Press hockey writer and sometime commentator for SportsNet television wrote about that recent eruption of personalities.

"I can only shake my head at the attention the Jonathan Roy story has received in this country this week," wrote LeBrun. "When did the tree huggers take over this bloody country? When did we all become such bleeding hearts that a junior hockey brawl shocked our collective senses so badly we became outraged?"

Here's what I think about that.

The tree huggers, Pierre, took over the country in 1999, when a law was passed that allowed the Canadian Press to hire Oak-noodled Neanderthals to spout effusively and inelegantly about just about anything that happens to pop into their addled brains.

Next question? Ah yes, Mr. LeBrun is still chagrined. Anything else to add Pierre? You do? Well by all means... have at it Mr. LeBrun.

"Cripes, if anyone should be criticized it should be Chicoutimi goalie Bobby Nadeau for standing there like a Nancy Boy and not trying to defend himself when Roy came after him"

Here's what I think about that.

Bobby Nadeau's dad is 6'4", weighs in at 250 pounds, is a former golden gloves boxer, possesses a very short fuse and is on his way to Toronto to have a little tete-a-tete avec vous, cher monsieur LeBrun.

Here's what I think about that.

Heeeeee! I wish that were true. Then I could say: Hey Pierre! Yoo-hoo! Company's comin'! Quick, lock the door, take the phone off the hook, call the boss, book some time, get a wig and some sunglasses and book a flight for Barbados. Now. Where were we? Oh yes. Pierre. Who's the Nancy Boy now? But I digress.

Here's what Jonathan Roy said about the whole affair.

"I acted in an unacceptable way for an athlete. I gave the finger to the crowd and I used unacceptable words before TV cameras. I acted on the rush of the moment and frustration ... (but) I didn't have the right to act this way and I want to use this time to (apologize) to the Chicoutimi crowd and all those who heard those words on TV."

Here's what I think about that.

Not a word was said about the fight and no apology was issued to Nadeau. Is arrogance and boorishness a genetic trait? As if we needed further proof that the pear never drops too far from the tree.

Speaking of peres. Here's what pops Roy had to say.

"I can't control the reactions of my players in the heat of action," Patrick Roy told reporters after the game. "That's part of the game."

Here's what I think about that.

Hey Patrick, you're a coach. What, exactly, don't you get? Have you taken any courses? Have you read a book? Did you listen at school? Do you possess an IQ nudging 45? Can you

count to 10?

Here's how my old set of Funk and Wagnall's defines coach.

Coach: to train; to teach; to instruct; to guide; to counsel.

Here's what I think about that; and I want you to pay close attention here Patrick.

Nowhere does it say: To instruct - except in the heat of the action; Nowhere does it say, to train - except in the heat of the action; and it doesn't say, to guide - except in the heat of the action; and I don't think it says, to counsel - except in the heat of the action.

Here's what Quebec Premier Jean Charest had to say about the incident.

"There may have been a time when we tolerated violence in hockey, and it was part of the sport. But at this point, in junior hockey at least ... I think we've all come to the conclusion that the time has come to put an end to fighting."

Here's what I think about that.

Less talk; more action. The Quebec government has vowed to convene a commission to look into the possibility of banning fighting in junior hockey.

Here's what feisty Mike Milbury said about that.

"What a waste of taxpayers money!" bellowed Mike on a recent TSN rant n' rave. Milbury advocates the following: Four months for the first fight, a year for the second fight and life for the third fighting infraction. And when he was questioned about the seriousness of his remarks by a smart-lipped TSN commentator, Milbury reiterated his statement and got a little agitated.

"You think I'm joking? Wipe that smile off your face nancy boy, because I'm perfectly serious."

When the TSN commentator continued to doubt Mike's sincerity, nodding sarcastically and jerking his chain, Milbury responded by pulling the reporter out of his seat and dragging him out of the studio into the corridor.

A thump was heard as the network cut to commercial.

Here's what I think about that.

Can we please sit Pierre LeBrun down with Mr. Milbury. Topic: Nancy Boys. Watch that right hand, Pierre. ■

Elation & Disappointment Across the County

Last Minute Grant from Transportation Ministry Sweetens the Pot (holes)

Last Friday was a big day for the County and Municipal Councils. They've all been anxiously awaiting news on their grant applications through the province's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative. Dysart et al and Minden Hills were the successful bidders in this year's round of approved grants. There is no doubt, however, of the disappointment felt by not only by the County Council, but by Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East Councils as well.

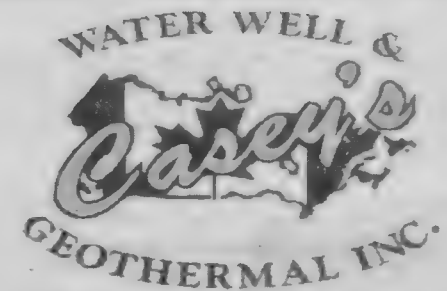
Dysart et al will receive \$1.3 million dollars for construction of their new library in the park. The land has been rezoned and set aside and all the planning processes completed for the project that will go a long way to improving library services in the area.

Likewise, Minden Hills were successful and will receive \$494,760 towards improving the Lutterworth Pines drinking water system. The success of this project is bound to be a relief to everyone involved as there has been a boil water advisory in place in Lutterworth Pines for some time.

Unfortunately, three projects in Haliburton County were turned down. This is likely to have a greater impact on everyone concerned as several of the projects may proceed regardless of being unsuccessful with their grant applications. Should that be the case, everyone will feel the pinch through taxation. The County Council was unsuccessful in their bid for \$1.8 million dollars to repair 3.4 kilometres of County Road 21. Algonquin Highlands also lost out in their bid for \$1.1 million dollars to repair the Buckslide Bridge, something which will no doubt be felt as a double blow for County Warden and Reeve Eleanor Harrison. Highlands East had also submitted an application for \$450,000 to improve the safety of the Houston and McGillivray Roads intersection.

However, on Monday the Ministry of Transportation announced roads and bridge repair grants totally almost \$2.5 million, divided among the four Municipalities. Algonquin Highlands gets \$543,000; Dysart \$1,346,000; Highlands East \$654,000 and Minden Hills almost a million. These grants will go a long way towards fixing County Road 21, the Buckslide Brige, and other road and bridge initiatives.

As part of Ontario's provincial strategy to improve infrastructure 243 grant applications were approved ranging from \$25 thousand to \$20 million dollars. As a note of interest the 20 million dollars was approved for the City of Ottawa's Central Archives and Library Technical Services Facility project. Construction of all of the projects is expected to create more than 6,700 new jobs province-wide when work gets underway later this year.



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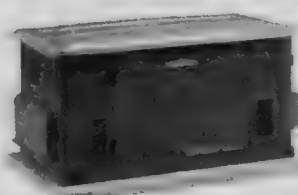
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OPP called to Minden Food Mart

At approximately 3 PM on Sunday March 30th, the OPP arrived at Minden Food Mart in response to a request from the owner. A group of about six or seven youths and young adults had been loitering in front of the store, riding a scooter and bumping into Food Mart windows. During the same time frame, one of the males entered the store and attempted to buy a tobacco product.

When Rosa Kim, the proprietor, asked for ID, the youth was unable to produce the necessary proof of age credentials. It was after the young man refused to leave the premises that Mrs. Kim decided to call the police.

According to Mrs. Kim, she and her staff make every effort to ensure that those who buy cigarettes and other tobacco products are of the required legal age. Rosa Kim stated that her business has never been charged with selling tobacco products to minors and that she intends to keep it that way.

Mrs. Kim says that loitering is an ongoing problem on the main street of Minden. Groups of adolescents and young adults often congregate outside the stores during the warmer months. Mrs. Kim is already anxious about the approach of summer. When customers have to slalom through a group of youths sitting on store steps or avoid using the sidewalk to circumvent loiterers, business is jeopardized.

By the time the OPP arrived at the Food Mart the youths had left. ■

Male Charged With Impaired

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Highlands East man after receiving a driving complaint from a citizen late Sunday afternoon.

Officers located the vehicle on Highway #118 near Trappers Trail. The driver was spoken to by an officer and subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Driving Over 80mgs is Robert Huffman 52 years, of Highlands East Twp. Mr. Huffman will be appearing in Minden court on May 7, 2008 in relation to the charges. ■



Police Reports

Snow Machines in Lake

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were called late Saturday afternoon in regard to a couple of snow machines that had been abandoned in the open water on Boshkung Lake near the mouth of the Beech River.

Officers attending the scene found the two machines in the water and two sets of footprints leading out to Highway #35. After further investigation, the drivers of the two machines were located the following evening and did not suffer any injuries as a result of the incident.

Sunday afternoon, officers were called to investigate a second incident involving a snow machine and open water on Red Pine Lake in Algonquin Highlands Twp.

The investigation revealed that a male party had been running some open water on his sled when he struck some ice causing him to go airborne on his 700cc Polaris. The driver suffered non-life threatening injuries as a result of the impact and was transported to the Haliburton Hospital.

The two incidents are still under investigation.

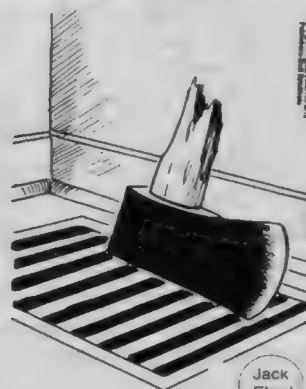
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>> Climate Change and Changing Minds — Can We Learn? Or Will We Remain Prisoners of our Past?

"There are almost no Bass left in Canning Lake and Lake Trout in many area lakes are disappearing," said Loucks. He said that Lake Trout are not a prolific species and that as we damage their habitat we are at risk of losing them forever.

Loucks said that this degradation of the eco-system on many levels is going on today, in spite of our access to a huge data base of information.

He said that the object of his presentation was to bring awareness and shed some light on past practice and how it relates to our future well being.

And he added that it's fairly reasonable to assume that climate change is occurring. "Increased snowfall here in the north is quite consistent with the pattern of climate change, because all of the models indicate that warmer weather will lead to increased snowfall patterns in the coming years," explained Loucks.

He said that political intransigence must be eliminated and that it remains incumbent upon ordinary people to put pressure on representatives of the government to spark a turn to good environmental practice.

Loucks said that it's up to us.

Will we remain tied to past practice or can we garner something from our history and use it to move forward.

Are we proponents for change or prisoners of our past?

"Our future will be very different from the past," said Loucks. "We still have a responsibility to see the effects and to do something about it."

Loucks said that the answer lies with us. He made a passionate plea to the people in the room.

"Is the future so different that we can't learn from our past mistakes?" asked Loucks.

He encouraged the students to continue with their good research and he implored the audience to continue to hold politicians accountable.

"We need to do better," said Loucks. ■

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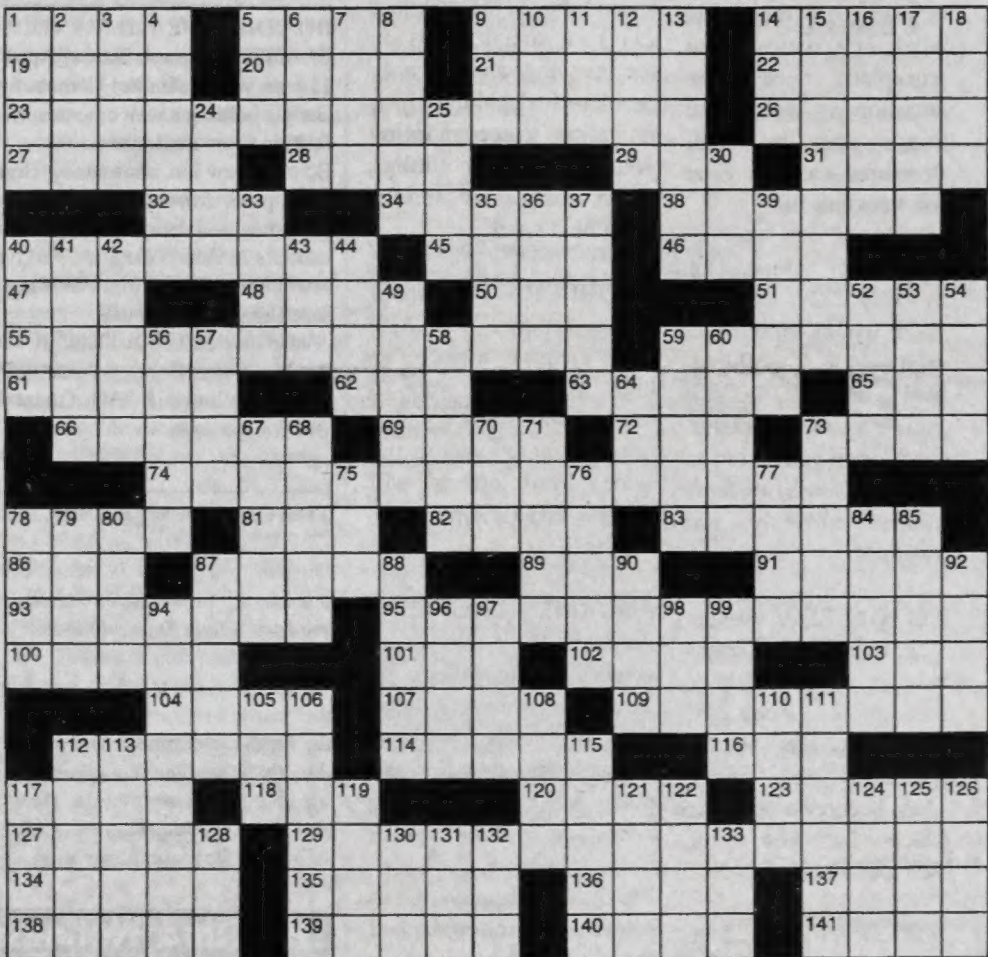
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3 bdrm. McCue lake across the road. Refinished original hardwood flooring & colonial trim & new ceramic tile. Renovations include the roof, new windows & doors, soffit & fascia, wiring, upgraded insulation, drywall, new main flr washrm, new 4 pc upstairs bathrm.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414

Beech Lake - \$789,000



7600 sq. ft. of living space comes fully furnished from 6 bedrooms to the audio/video equip in the sound proof theatre. All inclusive is outdoor entertainment as well including a ski boat, 2 snowmobiles, 2 kayaks, right down to outdoor furnishings and a BBQ hooked up in the gazebo.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414

Country Home - \$224,900



Well built three bdr home on 5.6 acres. Large deck at back with sliding glass doors. Large insulated workshop, gazebo and storage shed on property. Very private setting just 10 minutes to Minden. Enjoy country living at it's best.

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Log Home w/ Acreage - \$349,000



Large three bedroom self-sufficient home in very private location. This well built log home has generator for power supply, propane fridge and stove. Over 100 acres of land, river access, great property for the outdoor enthusiast with hunting and fishing at your doorstep.

Peter Franzen * 286-1234

Halls Lake - \$169,900



Starter or retirement home. Short stroll down to the public access for a dip in Halls Lake. Cook a feast for your guests in the open concept kitchen/living room or tinker with the toys in the garage. Whatever you desire you'll find it here, and at a price you can't beat.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414

In Minden Asking \$159,900



Minden spacious in town home. Home has 3 bedrooms, plus an attached in law suite. Great view of downtown Minden. House is on a private setting. Must be seen. Asking \$159,900.

David Lee * 286-1234

Greens Lake - \$259,900



Great get-away cottage located on clean Greens Lake in beautiful Cavendish County. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Open concept kitchen overlooking Great Room with view of lake.

Debbie Cumber * 457-2424

Grass Lake - 5 Lake Chain - \$419,000



Charming and cozy 1,000 (approx) sq ft 3 bedroom fully winterized cottage/home plus bunkie. Floor to ceiling stone fireplace, large 3 season sunroom, newer windows & septic, drilled well and a very private hard sand beach. Turnkey (including boat & motor) A real pleasure to show.

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Gull River - \$262,500



Charming three-bedroom home, 2-storey home in a great neighborhood. Features include separate dining room, large living room, modern kitchen, lovely yard. Two sunrooms, one at front & one at back overlooking the river, 2 pc wash room behind carport for summer use only. Deck at water. Home is on town services, plus close to hospital & school.

Grace Loughheed * 286-1234

Deeded Access - \$189,000



1450 sq. ft. 4 bedroom bungalow with renovated kitchen, new steel roof & solarium, close to public boat launch on Halls & Hawk Lakes. Deeded access to Kennis River off Big Hawk Lake Rd.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234



KUSHOG Lovely maple trees provide a park like setting for this 3 bedroom Viceroy style cottage. Open concept living room and kitchen, window corner breakfast nook, vaulted ceiling finished in pine. Large deck overlooking lake. Easy year round access.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Kushog Lake - \$319,900



Kushog Quaint little 3 bdr 4 season cottage/home on Kushog Lake with a huge private lot with over 390 feet of clean rock and sand frontage and 4.35 acres of land. Original hardwood floors and totally remodeled kitchen, propane fireplace.

Anthony van Lieshout ** 457-2414

Deer Lake Cottage - \$299,900



Outstanding point lot with 162' frontage, SW exposure & 4 bdrs. Combination sand & rock bottom. Level lot....don't hesitate. Asking \$299,900. 130' Vacant lot for sale next door too!

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234

Cranberry lake - \$159,000



lakefront living at its best! this large three bdr home with a big lake view and sand shore. Features huge living room and dining room with patio doors, spacious master bedroom with en-suite and wonderful lake views. This waterfront home or cottage is perfect for the family. requires some finishing.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

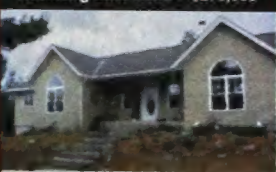
Peach Lake - \$469,900



Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Koshong Lake Road - \$279,900



Features include maple and ceramic floors throughout, cathedral ceilings, custom windows, main floor laundry, kitchen has beautiful antique washed maple cupboards, oversized master bedroom with separate ensuite with Jacuzzi tub and walk-in shower. Aove ground pool.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414

3 Acre Building Lot - \$24,900



Over 3 acre building lot near Sir Sam's Ski hill in the area of many prestigious homes and cottages. Near public access to no motor Basshunt LK and Eagle LK. Well treed private building lot. This property is suitable for your home or cottage.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice, along with your leadership qualities, help you protect the rights of others.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice. Then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind to the possibilities of facts you're currently not aware of.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the weekend, the Lions' Dens become a purrrfect place for you Fine Felines to relax in.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project that long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up those travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on that novel or painting you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievement is great. But watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose your valuable support with your next project.

Classifieds

Pets & Agriculture

ARE YOU A GOLDEN RETRIEVER BELIEVER?

Golden Rescue, The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc. URGENTLY needs foster homes, vet services, "forever" homes, donations, members, fundraisers/volunteers. Help us care for this magnificent breed. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated. For information please contact us at 1-866-712-8444 or visit www.golden-rescue.net. P.S. Join us on Monday, June 23rd for our annual golf tournament. Not only are we looking for players, we need hole sponsors and donations to our raffle and silent auction. Apr d 08

Events

THE ANNUAL SPRING FLING ROAST BEEF DINNER at Haliburton United Church on Friday April 11th. Two sittings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets at Haliburton United Church office, 457-1891 or The Ethel Curry Gallery. April a 08

DO YOU HAVE THE WINTER BLAHS! Well mark Sunday April 13th on your Calendar! Community Care is holding a welcome to spring fashion show fundraiser at the Bonnie View Inn, showcasing Bridal wear, prom dresses, evening wear, costumes, and dance wear from Miss Lester's in Huntsville and Sparkly Jewellery or Bling from Baubles n Bon Bons in Haliburton. Tickets are \$20.00 available at Baubles n Bon Bons or Community Care by calling 457-2941. Oh by the way - refreshments will be served. April b 08

THE COMMUNITY CARE TRIP CLUB has two trips on the roster. On Wednesday May 28 we have a bus leaving for the Sony Centre to see Irish Singer Daniel O'Donnell and then on Wednesday June 11th we are off to see the Blue Jays play the Seattle Mariners. Our tickets are Field Level Infield, and we are directly behind home plate. Both trips include transportation, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. Call 457-2941 for more information. May d 08

Health & Wellness

INDOOR Recreational co-ed Soccer, every Tuesday in the H.H.S.S. gym at 7:30pm. Men and women of all fitness levels welcome to join great people for a good time. apr d 08

HOLNESS YOGA It feels so good!!! free your mind and rejuvenate your body. Begin now by calling Gail Holness at 455-9294 or gailholness@sympatico.ca apr b 08

RECREATIONAL GYMNASTIC TUMBLING, Hda. 19 George Street, Haliburton 705-457-1561 or haliburtondance@sympatico.ca Tumble Tots Parent / Child Thursdays 10:00 - 10:45 am. April 10 - May 22 / 08 \$48 Gymnastics Level-1 4-8 years Thursdays 4:45 - 5:30 pm April 17 - June 5 / 08 *No class April 24 & May 29 / 08 \$54 Gymnastics Level-1 9+ years Thursdays 5:30-6:15 pm April 17 - June 5 / 08 *No class April 24 & May 29 / 08 \$54 Gymnastics Adv / or Level 2- Thursdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm. April 17 - June 5 / 08 *No class April 24 & May 29 / 08 \$54 Space limited to 8 per class for TumbleTots and 10 for all other levels. Book your space now!

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County Voice *Easy to Read* Classifieds

Deadline for Classifieds is every Monday at noon

Health & Wellness

LINE DANCING/TRADITIONAL Spring Session starting Thursday April 3 at 9:30 am at the Stanhope Community Centre. Beginners are welcome. More Info - Call Chris 489-4785 apr a 08

Notices

AUDITION NOTICE Call to Haliburton Youth interested in movement and performance Local Dance Artist, Terri Mathews is looking for young people, age 10 - 16, to work with to create a dynamic outdoor dance piece. This piece will be performed in Head Lake Park, alongside professional performers as part of an outdoor performance festival known as Dusk Dances. The local presenter is the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Dusk Dances, now in its 14th season, is an annual outdoor festival that brings contemporary and traditional dance to a community park. As dusk descends, a theatrical host leads the audience to 5 eclectic dance pieces unfolding throughout the park. One of these performances will be the local youth piece. **AUDITION DATE** When: Sunday April 6, 2008 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Where: Haliburton Dance Arts, 19 George St.

Requirements: Those auditioning should come prepared to participate in a warm-up, stretch and movement class. Participants may also prepare a 1 - 2 minute presentation - dance, karate sequences, gymnastic solo or rhythm piece. Previous dance experience is not a requirement. We are looking for enthusiastic youth who are interested in movement, rhythm and performance. A Dusk Dances demo video will be shown at the beginning of the audition. Contact information: Terri Mathews 705-457-1561 or haliburtondance@sympatico.ca apr a 08

Help Wanted

MEAT CUTTER Full time position. Please reply with resume in person to Easton's Valu-mart, Minden. Phone 705-286-6032 and ask for Pat Pierson or Lynda Easton. Fax 705-286-4765 apr c 08

Job Opportunity with Haliburton Community Housing Corporation. Part time maintenance worker (20 hours per week) at Parklane & Echo Hills Apartments. Responsibilities include, but not limited to: custodial duties, grounds keeping, building repair & maintenance, weekday and weekend on-call / standby services. Previous maintenance / custodial experience an asset. Applicants must hold a valid driver's licence and be insurable. Starting salary: \$16/hr. Resume and cover letter to: Haliburton Community Housing Corporation 1 Victoria Street, RR # 1, Comp. 500 Haliburton, On. K0M-1S0 By Friday, April 11, 2008. HCHC thanks all interested applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. aprb 08

Help Wanted

Housekeeper Plus Lakeview Motel is seeking a mature reliable team member. This is a permanent year round position. The candidate would have to be available all days of the week, including weekends. An eye for detail, good people skills and being a team player are all necessary attributes. Dining room / kitchen experience and computer skills would be an asset. We pay above average wages and benefits for the qualifying person. Please send your resume with references to the Lakeview Motel, P.O. Box 485, Haliburton, Ont. K0M-1S0, fax it to 705-457-1144 or drop it off at 4951 County Rd. 21. apr a 08

MINDEN HILLS MUSEUM * subject to available funding from YCW* **requires Summer Students** 35 hrs/week mid May to end Aug 16 - 30 yrs old, returning to school fall 2008 many more details - email museum@mindenhills.ca apr a 08

BOAT DETAILER We are currently seeking an energetic, self motivated person to join our Team as a Boat Detailer. This is a fast paced, physically demanding, seasonal position. If you think this job may be for you, please send your resume to: **Walsten Marine** 3613 County Rd #121 Kinmount, ON K0M 2A0 Attention: Service Manager apr a 08

Wanted

ARTICLES WANTED Old or Antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers. If the price is right I will make you a deal on anything Call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920 mar d 08

APARTMENT WANTED Senior woman looking for an apartment in the Minden or Haliburton area. Call 448-9714 apr a 08

For Sale

1999 SKI DOO FORMULA Z 500CC. 1600 kms. Good condition, studded track, lady driven machine - Asking \$2400. Phone Greg @ 286-4184 apr b 08

1990 GMC sidestep / RC / shortbox. New 350 cu. in. 4 bolt main, rad, alternator, master cylinder and all brakes new rubber and rims, tonneau cover, buckets and trailer package. Like new condition- \$7500. Call 286-4013, Stan. Haliburton. apr b 08

2006 CRAFTMAN LAWN TRACTOR 23 h.p., twin cyl. B.S., 42 inch cut, mulcher, auto shift, twin baggers. Used very little, like new. Cost- \$2700 asking \$1700, no tax. Phone- 286-6541 apr a 08)

LEAVING ONTARIO: All household goods for sale, please phone - 455-9947 Haliburton. From 1:00 am until 7:00 pm apr a 08

For Sale

COMFY 7FT SKYLAR SOFA with chair. Beige, no tears or stains \$100 754-4867 or evenings at 416-233-0880 apr 1 b 08

15FT CORONADO SAIL BOAT with trailer jib and main. Shipshape and ready to sail. Days 754-4867 Evenings at 416-233-0880 apr 1 b 08

Services

HOME DAYCARE Are you in need of a caring individual to look after your children? Then give me a call. I provide a warm and caring atmosphere, healthy snacks, structured activities and loads of fun. For questions and availability call Tracy 286-4906 apr a 08

SNOWMOBILE STORAGE Big Hawk Marina, Summer snowmobile inside storage includes the following: Fogging of engine, gas stabilizer, storage seal, grease all fittings, cost \$200 + GST call 489-2429 apr a 08

MARYA BUSINESS SERVICES **Tax time is here again!!** Refunds processed directly to your bank account within 8-10 days. E-filing personal taxes, Discounted rates for Seniors, Unemployed or Layoffs, Small Business tax filing, Corporate D-filing. Accurate and Confidential. Seniors local pick up and delivery service available. Hours 10am to 9pm Monday thru Saturday.. Call for appointment Phone 705-447-3308 Email maryabs@sympatico.ca 10752 County Road 503 Gooderham, ON K0M 1R0 mar c, apr a, apr c, apr d

ODD JOB JACK-YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN 448-9965 Our services include renos, demos & repairs, cottages opened/closed, groundskeeping, eaves trough cleaning, furniture refinishing, any and all odd jobs. No job too big, no job too small!! What can we do for you? Apr b 08

Community Serv

COMMUNITY CARE HALIBURTON COUNTY is now looking for the following items ... wheelchairs, a raised toilet seat without arms, cuff crutches, walkers with brakes and wheels. If you have any of these items that you no longer need and would like to see them put to good use, please call Community Care at 457-2941. Mar d/08

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE, Pregnancy tests, information, support. Free. Confidential. Lower level Stedman's Mall 457-HOPE, www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca apr a 08

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, A Christ-centered recovery group for all of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. A time of worship, teaching, Small Groups, and community. Meet others journeying this same road as you, & take steps towards freedom from the addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours that hold your life back. Every Monday Night 7 - 10 PM at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton. 457-2851 www.celebraterecovery.com TPN

Help Wanted



We have an opening for a
Graphic Designer

Entry-level Graphic Designer needed in our Design Department. The selected candidate will have a degree in graphic design and a minimum of 2 years experience in a design setting. Attention to detail coupled with a true creative flair required. Experience with PhotoShop, Illustrator, InDesign & colour correction preferred. You will have the ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently and demonstrate excellent problem-solving skills.

Patient News Publishing offers an energetic team atmosphere and an award-winning working environment. If you can work productively in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment with a smile and a sense of humour, please send your resume to scarlin@patientnews.com, subject line Graphic Designer. Only qualified applicants will be contacted.



Help Wanted

Minden Home Hardware Building Centre

We currently have Positions available in the following Departments:

**Lumber Desk
Electrical/Plumbing**

Experienced sales positions. To be successful you must demonstrate extensive product knowledge and confident sales ability. Position requires a working knowledge of computers

Estimator

This position requires Material blueprint estimating and Material listing as required for construction projects as submitted by contractors, customers, company salespersons. Must have a working knowledge of computers and able to work with in the company software applications in respect to houses, cottages, garages, decks. To demonstrate extensive IBM product knowledge

If you possess the skills to meet the challenge
Drop off resume to store manager
Or email mhh1345@interhop.net

Help Wanted



The Carole Finn Art Gallery, Minden is looking for applicants to work in the gallery from April 28 to October 25-10:30 to 5:30 Wednesday to Sunday 11:00-3:30. Applicant must be up to the age of 30 and must have graduated with a degree, diploma or Ontario Ministry Certificate from a post-secondary institution directly related to the Arts. Tasks would include all aspects of the Gallery operation as well as all secretarial work. Application in writing- Deadline-April-15; Box 851 Haliburton: Interviews-April 16; Carole Finn-705-457-2404

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Beautiful bright 3 BR, 3 bath executive waterfront home on a level treed lot. Open concept LR, stone fireplace, Sunroom, huge patio and gazebo.

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Turn-key cottage/home on gently sloping lot with Bunkie, Garage, Family room with Walk-out, "E-Z" docking system and drilled well. Comes completely furnished!

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Spotless, totally-renovated cottage with lots of upgrades including new deck, new septic. Private lot with southern exposure and year-round access.

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Classic Cottage Living \$469,000



Beautiful Horseshoe Lake View, 112 feet of sandy beach steps from your wrap around deck. Three bedrooms with bunkie, tastefully furnished.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Minden Log Home: \$179,900



Charming log home just needs your finishing touches. 2 bedroom home with heated workshop, pool, and bunkie. Minutes from Minden.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

Newer cedar cottage \$354,900



2+ acres and 105 feet of sandy shoreline on Lorraine Lake. Year round open concept cottage has pine interior. Cedar bunkie too! North west exposure.

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Great Starter! \$129,900



Terrific starter or retirement home just minutes from the main street! 2 bedrooms, family room, screened in room, large lot.

Hank Bertrand 457-2128

47 Acres \$49,900



Excellent Value in Haliburton County! 47 acres of beautiful rolling hills, mixed bush and trees easily accessible off Highway 118. Very close to Tory Hill.

Paul Szpik 457-2128

Beautiful Island Lot \$194,900



300 ft frontage on Eagle Lake with south exposure and sand bottom. 2/3 of an acre with great cottage/home potential. Parking & boat slip reserved on mainland.

Dagmar Boettcher 286-2138

Minden Lake \$219,900



Cute cottage in quiet inlet on closed lake with sandy bottom, great fishing and beautiful rapids. Southern exp. New dbl capacity septic & power line. Close to town.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

Renovated Home \$161,900



Lovely in-town home, brand new kitchen, garage roof 2006, newer windows, new HWT & oil tank. 21 X 12 storage building. Flat Yard & Great back deck.

Dagmar Boettcher 286-2138

Three Lake Chain \$439,000



3Bdrm on Little Boshkung with rec room, workshop & attached garage. Beautiful flat lot with sun all day and amazing lake views.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Premium Property \$599,000



Over 9 acres and 244 feet of waterfront on Soyers Lake. Amazing view, western exposure, great privacy, mature trees. Build your dream cottage here.

Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Haliburton Village Home \$229,900



4 BR, professionally renovated from top to bottom - New floors, appliances, kitchen, bathrooms. Large landscaped lot, great location, close to all amenities.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138

Miskwabi Lake \$369,000



805 feet of south facing frontage on spectacular Miskwabi Lake all on over 4.87 Acres, build your dream home/cottage on this fabulous property.

Drew Bishop 457-2128

Private 5 Acres - \$269,000



4 BR, 2 baths, large master with ensuite, eat in country kitchen, screened porch, dbl garage, full finished basement, fam. Rm, near access to Maple Lake

Greg Stamp 457-2128

Beautiful 5 Lake Chain \$769,000



Stunning western lake view of Kashagawigamog. Sandy beach with gradual entry. Large 3 BR home/ cottage with lakeside cabin.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

Haliburton Lake \$419,800



South Bay, Haliburton Lake. 4 BR cottage with boathouse, 2 separate lots totalling 183 feet of sandy frontage, with south exp. Nicely treed with access for year round use.

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128

Boshkung Lake \$449,000



Gorgeous private lot with 170' of waterfront. 3 bedroom cottage with stone fireplace, sauna, guest suite, and much more.

Anne Moulton 286-2138

Paradise Lake \$208,500



3 bdrm, pine interior, hardwood floors, fireplace, screened in porch, excellent swimming, sandy shoreline, on a year round road, 5 min. from Haliburton.

Greg Stamp 457-2128

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